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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS BRANCH

Monthly Progress Report

July 1947

Section I

Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans and Policies

I b. Foreign Documents Branch

- (1) Integration of the former War Department Special Documents Section and German Military Documents Section into the Foreign Documents Branch has been successfully accomplished.
- (2) Periodicals
 - (a) Arrangements have been completed with Eurasian and Far Eastern Branches, Intelligence Division, WDGS, besides the Library of Congress, for the loan of current periodicals of intelligence value from the Far East and USSR to be abstracted by the Branch.
 - (b) Periodical Abstracts published (see Appendix I, attached).

Section II

Accomplishment of Overall Mission

II b.

(1) Production

Due to shortage of clerical personnel for production of publications plus the additional quantity of necessary production involved in the incorporation of backlogs of former Special Documents Section and German Military Documents Section production of information from captured German documents will be cut about 50%.

II d.

(1) CD Requirements

It is understood that the Naval War College will have continuing requirements on Foreign Documents Branch for translation of historical material relating to Japanese Navy Operations. This is difficult to reconcile with strategic intelligence requirements. To date there have been twenty-five (25) documents, from which extract translations have been made for the NWC.

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The most recent of these amounted to two hundred (200) manuscript pages of translation. Because of target dates assigned, this material has to be given an "A" priority in FDB. (See discussion of production problem paragraph (1) above) and list of projects in process, (Appendix I, attached). This material is not of intelligence value (witness evaluations by ORE) and its exploitation is not being done for one of the IAB agencies. It is not of interest to the IAB agencies, and is costing CIG thousands of dollars. Further, if this work is of high priority to the Navy, may it not be suggested that Japanese translators presently employed in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations be assigned to this work. Proper assignment of Japanese translators in the form of Naval Reserve Officers returning to ONI for two weeks active duty should also lead to further productivity. Accordingly it is recommended that if further work of this nature is to be accepted by CIG, an agreement be drawn up to the effect that the Navy assign two of its Japanese language officers on active duty to CIG.

II e. Projects assigned to Foreign Documents Branch, including priorities (See Appendix I).

II g. (1) Personnel Situation

The shortage of both linguist and clerical personnel remains a serious problem. Of the total personnel employed by the former Special Documents Section and German Military Document Section, only 40% transferred to Foreign Documents Branch. As the newly integrated War Department Sections become more productive, the problem of shortage of clerical personnel in the Editorial Section becomes more acute. Present strength of the branch is only 55% of ceiling.

(2) Personnel Report

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difficult security problem as it is impossible to exclude from the building all persons other than Foreign Documents Branch personnel. Doors to the stair wells cannot be locked during working hours because of Fire Regulations.

Although security measures taken by Foreign Documents Branch were approved by Chief, Security Division, P & A, the situation is not a desirable one. A recommended solution is that Foreign Documents Branch occupy the entire building at or move to a building where it will not be necessary to share it with another agency.

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III b. Projects contemplated within the near future:

- (1) Exploitation of USSR newspapers in conjunction with Joint Intelligence Bureau.
- (2) Exploitation of Chinese Communist newspapers, sole copies of which exist in Foreign Documents Branch.



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Appendix I

(II e. List of projects assigned to Foreign Documents Branch)

1. PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED

a. Periodical Abstracts (Far East) published:
No 5 "Proceedings of the Japanese Imperial
Academy."

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b. Action was completed on 19 requirements from
OCD as follows:

(1) Translations published and reports issued:

CD No 967-L, M "First Battle of Savo Island"
(OOW Nos 63, 74)

CD No 690, "Regulations and Roster of Members
the Academy of Sciences of the USSR" (Satis-
fied by loan of microfilm copy of substitute
document).

CD No 478-F, G, H, I, J, "International Treaty
Texts". (OOW Nos 67, 70, 71, 75, 79)

CD No 511, "Significant Items from Korean
Newspapers". (OOW Nos 66, 72)

CD No 699, Rerun of Translation 80, "Epidemics
in Far Eastern USSR".

CD No 1104, "Research in Field of Isotopic
Chemistry". (Translation 83)

CD No 1261, "Article on Paracel Island",
(OOW 69)

CD No 470.5, "Electronics Research Personnel,
USSR", (OOW 78).

CD No 268.4-C, "Seismic Ranging", (OOW 76).

CD No. 1421.1, "Gas Turbine and Axial Com-
pressors", (OOW 73).

CD No.1478, "Plague Epidemics", (OOW 77).

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(2) Summaries published

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CD No 1310, Summary translations of Japanese documents on industry, geography and economics in China, (OOV 64).

CD No 803, Summary No 2, "Major Rivers in Eastern USSR".

CD No 1268, Summary No 3, "Agriculture and Livestock in Sinkiang".

(3) Publications requested from Foreign Documents Branch files

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CD No 1392.1, "NKVD Operational Methods", (Translation 53).

CD No 1431.1, "Fogs Along the Northern Sea Route", (Translation 39).

CD No 1539.1, "Strategic Map Study, Kamchatka", (Translation 67).

CD No 1574.1, "Mineral Resources of Sinkiang", (Summary No 1).

CD No 1598.1, "Rear Preparation of Red Army in Eastern USSR", (Translation 81).

c. Translations published (other than CD requirements)

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"Rear Preparation of the Red Army in Eastern USSR", (Translation 81).

"Articles on Theoretical and Applied Physics and Geology", (Translation 82).

d. Industrial Plant File Cards

Number distributed	35,115
Number of separate cards	1,236

e. Accession Lists published

17

f. Documents loaned

213

g. Sacks of Documents Received

17

h. Total Documents Scanned

20,896

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Priority</u>
1. Research on Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence	A
2. USSR Railroad System-Southern (10)	A
3. " " South Donets (11)	A
4. " " North Donets (12)	A
5. " " Lenin (15)	A
6. Individual Reports on the Metallurgical Industry in the Dnepr Bend	A
7. Current Periodical Abstracts	A-Cont
8. Herald of the Air Fleet	A
9. Military Topographical Study of Old Ussuri and Khabarovsk	B
10. Survey of Russian Railways (Far Eastern USSR and Siberia)	B
11. Military Topographical Study of East Baikal	B
12. Observation Reports from Far Eastern USSR, April 1945	B
13. Study of the Soviet Army's Frontier Fortifications	B
14. USSR Railroad System-White Russian (5)	B
15. " " Penza (20)	B
16. " " Southwestern (7)	B
17. " " Kuibyshev (27)	B
18. " " South-Ural (30)	B
19. " " Orenburg (31)	B
20. " " Gorki (19)	B
21. " " Perm (28)	B
22. " " Southeastern (21)	B
23. Economic Study on USSR Waterways	B
24. Dnepr River System	B
25. Harbor Installations, The Baltic Ports of: Leningrad Riga Tallinn Lepaya Ventspils	B

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| 26. The Natural Resources of the Kola Peninsula | B |
| 27. A Regional Industrial Study (White Russian) | B |
| 28. A Regional Industrial Study (Ukraine) | B |
| 29. Tables of Different Races in the Soviet Union | C |
| 30. Who's Who in the USSR | C |
| 31. USSR Railroad System-Kyralinin (3) | C |
| 32. " " Western (4) | C |
| 33. " " Moskva-Kiev (6) | C |
| 34. " " Odessa (8) | C |
| 35. " " Dzerzhinsk (14) | C |
| 36. Northern Sea Route Murmansk-Arkhangelsk | C |
| 37. Telecommunications in the Baltic Countries | C |
| 38. Industry and Communications in Siberia | C |
| 39. Oil in the Caucasus | C |
| 40. Industries of the Crimea | C |
| 41. The reorganization of Russian Inland Navigation | B |
| 42. Ice Conditions Along the Northern Sea Route | |
| <u>Industrial Plant File (E. USSR)</u> | |
| 43. Electronics Industries | A |
| 44. Steel, Iron and Coke | A |
| 45. Coal | A |
| 46. Lumber | A |
| 47. Industrial Plant File (W. USSR) | A-Cont |
| <u>B. Far East</u> | |
| 48. Mineral-bearing Area in SE Manchuria | A |
| 49. Military Geography of Outer Mongolia | A |
| 50. Annotated Bibliography of Documents on Chinese Communists | A-(TH 1 Aug) |
| 51. Ten Japanese Documents-Aspects of Chinese Communist Party | A |

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| 52. Summaries of Significant Korean News Items | A-Cont |
| 53. Operations of Japanese AirFlots 24 and 26 | A-(TD 1 Aug) |
| 54. Civil Aeronautical Organizations in Japan, November 1945 | B |
| 55. Medical Geographical Study of Menchiang | B |
| 56. Military Topographical Study of the Islands off the Coast of Northern Korea | B |
| 57. Chinese Communist Agrarian Policies | B |
| 58. Sinkiang, Transportation Summary | B |
| 59. " Topographical Summary | B |
| 60. " Political Summary | B |
| 61. Mineral Survey of Siam | B |
| 62. Railway Transport-Manchuria | B |
| 63. Summaries of 31 documents and maps dealing with geography, population, economics, and politics of Manchuria, China, Inner and Outer Mongolia and Korea | C |
| 64. International Treaty Texts | C-Cont |
| 65. Topographic Study of Southern French Indo-China | C |
| 66. Topographic Study of Siam | C |
| <u>Industrial Plant File (E. USSR)</u> | |
| 67. Coal Mines of Korea | B |
| 68. Coal Mines of Manchuria | B |
| 69. Coal Mines of Mengchiang | B |
| 70. Railway Equipment Plants-Manchuria | B |
| 71. Electric Power Plants-Manchuria | B |
| 72. Iron Mines of Manchuria | B |
| 73. Iron Mines of Mongolia | B |
| 74. Iron and Steel Mills-Manchuria | B |
| 75. Chemical Industries-Manchuria | B |
| 76. Japanese Industries in China | B |

77. Biographical File of Mengchiang Personnel

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- 78. Japanese MP Activities in North China C
- 79. Communist Activity in Japan C

C. Scientific and Technical Division

- 80. Combustion Rate of Ash Coal Particles A-(TD 1 Aug)
- 81. Pharmacology of Sinomenine Hydrochloride A
- 82. Radioactive Minerals A-Cont
- 83. Magnetic Properties of Fe-Al Alloys (1) B
- 84. Magnetostriction of Fe-Al Alloys B
- 85. Magnetic Properties of Fe-Al Alloys (2) B
- 86. Effects of Inhaling Vapor Gases B
- 87. Records of Weather Observations in Yakutsk B
- 88. Military Topo Study of Manchuria and Ussuri for
Aeronautical Purposes, Japanese Genl Staff. 198 pp. B
- 89. Medical Summary No 2 B
- 90. Medical Research, Pt 1 (Bacteriology) B
- 91. Medical Research, Pt 3 (Miscellaneous Translations) B
- 92. Medical Research, Pt 2 (BW) B
- 93. Vibrations in Buildings C
- 94. Dampened Vibrations C
- 95. Fermentation, Saccharification and Other Chemical
Phenomena of Wood C
- 96. Installation of Shock-proof Mounts on Ships C
- 97. Vibration of Structures C
- 98. Rubber Shock-proof Mounts C
- 99. Optical Ordnance C

- 100. Penetration of Bombs on Armor Plate C

- 101. Seismic Ranging (Report 4)

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D. Document Source Survey Division

Division is surveying repositories of captured German documents under War Department jurisdiction. It is also gathering information on foreign documents retained by leading U S academic institutions.

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